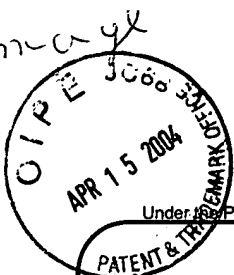


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	<b>Examiner Name</b>	R. Kunemund
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	MI22-1372

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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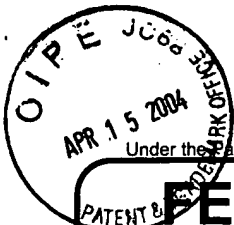
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